

MUSIC FESTIVAL MARKS NEW EPOCH

Program This Year Most Elaborate Ever Arranged by Wednesday Club.

NOTED SINGERS IN 5 GREAT CONCERTS

Franck's Famous Oratorio to Be Rendered on the First Night.

Beethoven's Fifth Symphony Feature of Saturday Afternoon Performance.

BY ARTHUR SCHVETSON.

The festival of music to be given by the Wednesday Club on Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week will in many respects establish a musical record for this city. In the first place, it is the fifteenth consecutive festival given by our local organization, and this fact, in view of the interrupted histories of many other such organizations, is worthy of notice. The Wednesday Club was organized in February, 1893, a few musical spirits meeting at the home of Mr. Henry T. McJannet, for many years president of the club, for their own mutual enjoyment and entertainment, and it proved so successful in attaining its object that the membership rapidly increased.

The Early Work.

On June 14, 1893, the club gave its first entertainment, singing the music of Gluck's beautiful opera, "Orpheus." On the program there appeared the following:

"Our roll now contains some thirty names. We are encouraged to reorganize in the fall on a much larger scale, so that we may be able to take up and study some of the greater choral works."

"We think that there is a field in this city for a strong, central musical organization for the cultivation of musical taste and the development of musical talent, and that the benefits to be derived from such an organization, if successful, would be widely felt. To this end we ask for the undivided co-operation and support of all musical people, and of those interested in the local culture of the divine art."

That benefit has been derived from the work of the Wednesday Club there can be no question. We see its influence in our church choirs, in our music generally, and in the high standards of our musical entertainments given by individual and organizations other than the club itself.

Unselfish Labors.

A great deal of the success of the club has been due not only to its unselfish, unflagging and intelligent work of its several boards of governors, but frequently at considerable personal expense, for the uplifting of the musical art of our city. Success, for has been due to the heart support given to the work of the club by the public, who have not only graced the festivals by their presence, but have spurred the club on to higher and better things by their encouragement and kindly criticisms.

This year the programs of the festival, which are given in full below, include a great variety of music, from the simple and old to the great and beautiful work of the mighty Beethoven—the Fifth Symphony.

A beautiful program book containing the photographs of the visiting artists, and of many of the composers whose works will be given, is being printed. This book will be a most copious notes on the music, the text being interspersed by many illustrations from the music itself. These will be of great assistance to the audiences in following the work of the festival, and the greater works in gaining an insight into their structure and meaning.

Choral Work.

These books will contain no advertisements, and will doubtless prove to be a pleasing and useful part of the festival. A nominal charge will be made for them to help in defraying their cost.

The choral work of the club will be a feature of the festival. An auxiliary chorus, composed of some twenty members, has been rehearsing the music for several weeks. This body of singers has now been merged with and is attending the regular rehearsals of the club, bringing the total number up to nearly 200.

Turning to the programs:

Thursday Night.

"The Beatitudes," by Cesar Franck, is the most modern oratorio of any note in literature, leaving alone the modern French school of composition, and while the work is termed an oratorio, it does not follow the well-known form of composition with which this is familiar. It is a deeply religious drama, a series of scenes, woven of most exquisite colors, deftly arranged.

From youth Franck had dreamed of expressing in music the beauties of the serene and the triumphant, by his constant study. Never in the history of musical art had any one ventured to interpret the relation of Jesus Christ to mankind as Franck purposed to do. The Son of God has appeared always as a vague abstraction, impersonal, unapproachable, often terrible. Franck shows him as the image of Divine Love, beaming in pity over the lowly and over children, always gentle, serene and triumphant by virtue of his ineffable tenderness. To those of us who are a pupil of Franck, and to-day perhaps the most renowned of French musicians, it is this picture of Christ, or rather the sound of his voice, that constitutes the unity of the work, which forms its center, the principal subject around which the different elements of the text are grouped. Certain of these elements, by their importance, complexity, and by the way in which they are treated, demand the whole attention of the listener; but every time that the voice of Christ is heard, even though for only a few measures, all the rest sinks into insignificance, leaving alone in the foreground that Divine Figure that lifts us to the depths of the soul. Franck succeeded in finding for the interpretation of his Christ a melody truly worthy of the character in relation to which it is a commentary from the point of view of music.

"This melody, so simple, but so striking."

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WILL NOT STOP CARS

Cleveland Men Vote to Strike, but Later Reach an Agreement.

CLEVELAND, O., May 2.—After voting 1,162 to 128 in favor of a strike, the motormen and conductors of the Municipal Traction Company, through International Vice-President Behner and other representatives, tonight practically reached an agreement with the Mayor and traction officials that will eliminate the prospect of a cessation of work.

Two sessions were held to-day between the union's executive committee and the Mayor, and a third took place late tonight.

Concessions on the part of both sides to the controversy marked the day's discussions. The men failed to secure an outright 2 cents an hour increase in wages, but they were given assurance that they may anticipate an advance after the Municipal Traction Company shows a sufficient surplus.

On the subject of free transportation, employees will be compelled to pay their fares to and from work, but any additional trips covered therewith will be provided for by the company. The men also gain the right to purchase their uniforms themselves.

At the last meeting to-night, President Dupont appeared and discussed with the men the difference between the union's representative to choose runs, the displacement of old men by others employed by the Forest City Company, and other matters of administration which have been thorns in the sides of the men since the taking over by the holding company of all the street railway lines in the city.

CLEVELAND DOING WELL

Positive Assurance Given That His Condition is Not as Grave.

LAKEWOOD, N. J., May 2.—That former President Grover Cleveland is not so seriously ill as published reports during the past week have declared him to be was the assurance given to the representative of the Associated Press to-night.

The informants, who are in a position to speak authoritatively, stated that if the contrary were true at least two persons who are now attending as nurses to the President's duties elsewhere, would be with Mr. Cleveland. The close friends of the former President, it was said, have not been with him at any time during his stay here. It was added that Mr. Cleveland refused to let his business duties elsewhere, would be with Mr. Cleveland. The close friends of the former President, it was said, have not been with him at any time during his stay here. It was added that Mr. Cleveland refused to let his business duties elsewhere, would be with Mr. Cleveland.

For the present Mr. Cleveland will remain in seclusion and deny himself to all callers. This intention, it was explained, is in furtherance of the arranged plan to give the distinguished guest a restful vacation in lieu of his usual Southern trip. A sudden attack of acute indigestion was experienced during the present week, but Mrs. Cleveland, who gave out a formal statement to-day, insists that her husband is rapidly convalescing, and that his condition is no more serious now than it was when his illness originated last September.

KILLS MOTHER-IN-LAW

Husband, Angered at Suit for Divorce, Slays Parents of Wife.

BATTLE CREEK, MICH., May 2.—A man who has been in the city since started by his wife, Joseph B. Blunt, a liquor salesman, broke into the home of Mrs. Blunt's parents here early to-day, where she was living with their children and killed his wife's father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Blunt.

Mrs. Blunt, who saw her parents killed, fled scantily clothed, from the maddened man's revolver, rushing outdoors into a snowstorm with her baby in her arms. Blunt then came downtown and gave himself up to the police. Blunt broke into the home of Mrs. Blunt's parents here early to-day, where she was living with their children and killed his wife's father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Blunt.

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"The days of force are by no means gone, but the use of it in handling a bad boy is not necessary in most cases," he declared, in speaking of the laws of the police as they regard the boys of the street.

Duty of the State.

Discussing the child labor laws, which, according to some persons, have curtailed the right of parents in caring for and disciplining their own children, Judge Lindsay said that they had been the greatest agencies for good to the children ever enacted by the States. He interpreted them as measures adopted by the government to help up the children of the weak homes, "for some parents," he said, "are not as fit to set an example for their children as to set their broken lives."

For many years, he went on, the courts have recognized the power and duty of the State to take charge of children in certain cases, and the laws do not in the smallest way conflict with the authority of good and proper parents. This power has been vested in the State for more than 100 years, and unless exercised, the jails and penitentiaries will be filled with undesirable inmates, which, under the proper training, would have made good and honest citizens.

Pointing to the fact that when a child owns property, its guardian is required under the law to give bond for its proper administration, even though the guardian is the child's own father, he asked why the morals of a young American citizen should not be as carefully guarded by the law as its property.

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WILL CONTROL CONVENTION

The Allies Claim That Will Not Have Enough to Nominate.

[From Our Regular Correspondent.]

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 2.—A statement issued to-night from the Bureau of the National Education Association that the opposition to the nomination of Secretary Taft will control the national convention at Chicago by more than 100 votes. The statement says that during the past week 146 delegates were chosen, of which number only forty-two were instructed for Secretary Taft, though but eight of the total number chosen were elected in "favorite son" States. The regular delegates chosen this week in the Thirtieth Ohio are said to be for Senator Foraker.

AROUSSED OVER THE DINNER

White People of Manhattan Stirred by the White and Black Greeting.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

NEW YORK, May 2.—While it is generally understood that almost anything goes on Manhattan Isle, not even in recent years has aroused more comment and indignation than the dinner of the Cosmopolitan Club, when white women occupied seats next to negroes and the intermarriage of the races was advocated by various speakers. There is to be another dinner on Monday night and the police are preparing to prevent trouble.

MOLDING "KIDS" INTO CITIZENS

Juvenile Court Exerting a Powerful Influence Over Boys in Denver.

JUDGE LINDSAY TELLS OF WORK

Delights Large Audience With Racy Description of Life in "De Gang"—Education Association Hears Reports and Elects Officers.

CONCLUDING twelve months unprecedent in interest and achievement, the Richmond Education Association held its eighth annual meeting in the auditorium of the Jefferson Hotel last night in a manner fitting to the work of an organization which has been accomplishing much for the good of the city in the past few years. Reports describing the work in detail and projecting plans for the future were received, officers were elected, and other important business was transacted.

The event of the evening was the speech of Judge Ben B. Lindsay, of the Juvenile Court of Denver, Col., and second only to that was the singing of the High School chorus, under the able direction of Mr. Walter C. Mercer, who had charge also of the Children's Chorus of the Wednesday Club.

Address of Judge Lindsay.

All things considered, the session was the crowning event of the six enjoyable and instructive evenings given by the association during the past year, each of which has been free to the public and has drawn a large attendance. Last night's session was more enthusiastic, was none the less representative than the others.

Fresh from the scenes of his labors among the gamins of the streets of a great city, Judge Lindsay could not have been better prepared to address the audience, almost each person in which felt as though personally known to him, than by the few simple words of Lieutenant-Governor J. Taylor Ellyson, who spoke of the visitor as "The Friend of the Friendless."

Dropping as easily into the vernacular of the streets as if he had spent years at selling papers, dodging "cops," and "shooting craps," and telling pathetic tales of suffering and distress, Judge Lindsay charmed the audience, and interested never flagged from the moment he took the stand until, with a vigor new to his hearers, he had completed the story of "de kid what works at night," and does other things not legally known as work.

Opening his address, Judge Lindsay referred to the great number of boys—more than 100,000 in the United States—who yearly get into the courts, more from neglect and misunderstanding than through any fault of their own. He described them as "the bad boys, or, rather, the boys who do bad things."

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FIREMEN NEARLY OVERCOME

Fought Way Through Smoke to Reach Dangerous Blaze.

Damage to the extent of several thousand dollars, covered by insurance, was caused by fire which started last night in a vault between the offices of the Underwood Typewriter Company and the Walcott Stationery Company, Nos. 1212 and 1214 East Main Street, and burst through the second floor into the wholesale jewelry store of J. Weinstein.

The origin of the blaze is a mystery, but it seemed generally believed last night that it was due to defective wiring, there being no fire whatever in any of the building's pipes.

Cut off from wind or avenue of escape, the fire smoldered in the storage vault for some time, and puzzled the firemen, who were unable to reach the fire until it had broken through the second floor into the jewelry store of J. Weinstein.

From the vault, the fire spread upward, through a stairway, and to the side, into the vault. Damage to the Underwood Typewriter Company, according to Mr. Eugene Clowes, general manager, amounts to no less than \$500 or \$600, most of it by water. The loss to the Weinstein jewelry store, however, was about the same and was also mainly by water. Upstairs in the wholesale jewelry store of J. Weinstein, the damage, however, is not so great, amounting to \$1,000.

The alarm was turned in soon after 11 o'clock from box 13, near Thirtieth Street. It was from this box that the firemen were first alerted, and several alarms were sounded in rapid succession and the firemen look upon it as a hoodoo.

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REMAIN AT FORT GRANT

President Reverses Order Assigning Colonel Stewart to Florida.

WASHINGTON, May 2.—Colonel William F. Stewart, of the Coast Artillery, who bears the distinction of being the one officer of the army assigned to the duty of guarding the President, has again received new orders direct from the President. As a result of the latest action, Colonel Stewart will continue indefinitely his command of Fort Grant, Arizona, where he was sent last September in lieu of his refusal to resign.

Earnest effort on the part of the friends of Colonel Stewart resulted in a reversal of this order a week or so ago, when it was officially announced that the colonel would be permitted to spend the three or four years of his active official career in an abandoned barracks at the reservation. This order was countermanded to-day by direction of the President, and Colonel Stewart will remain at the Arizona post. The reversal of the order was the result of a vigorous protest on the part of the people of Florida, made known through the Senators from that State. No other explanation of the latest command is made.

THE PETITION IS DENIED

Judge Waddill Sustains Trustees and Rules Hartmann Out.

NORFOLK, May 2.—Federal Judge Waddill has handed down an opinion in the Jamestown exposition litigation regarding the petition of the William H. Hartmann Company, of Philadelphia, as a general creditor who attacked the competency of the trustees under the second mortgage given by the Jamestown Exposition Company, July, 1907, for the benefit of general creditors.

The court says it in no way appears that Trustees O. D. Batchelder or T. J. Wool are either dishonest or engaged in any manner failed to efficiently, honestly and impartially discharge any duty imposed upon them as such trustees.

DRYS WAGING WARM FIGHT

Many Public Meetings Being Held—Women and Children Parade.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

FREDERICKSBURG, VA., May 2.—The "dry" cause is waging a strong campaign against the "wet" in their efforts to capture Fredericksburg in the election which takes place next Tuesday, May 5th. Last night addresses were delivered at the court-house by E. J. Richardson and J. W. West, of the State Anti-Saloon League.

Mrs. Curtis, the woman orator from Texas, addressed a meeting this afternoon at the Methodist Church. Mr. Richardson gave three addresses on three different street corners. There was a parade of women and children to-morrow afternoon. Hon. R. E. Byrd, of Winchester, will address an open-air meeting in the public park.

Bishop Potter Much Better

NEW YORK, May 2.—Bishop Henry C. Potter, who has been ill for several days as a result of overwork, was much better to-day, and it was stated that he will probably be able to take up his duties again in a few days.

WEATHER.

Fair and warmer.

BRYAN AND GRAY ALONE HAVE VOTES

No Delegates Have as Yet Been Instructed for Any Other Candidate.

JOHNSON SUPPORTERS HAVE BECOME ACTIVE

Headquarters Opened in Washington and Work Being Pushed in Behalf of Minnesota Governor—Culberson Second Choice of Bryan.

Times-Dispatch Bureau, Washington, D. C., May 2.

THE names William J. Bryan and George R. Gray are the only ones which have been mentioned in any Democratic State Convention yet held for the selection of delegates to the national convention. Delegates have been instructed for Mr. Bryan. Delaware instructed hers for her favorite son, Judge Gray. No State has instructed any save for the two men mentioned.

It is well to bear this fact in mind in considering the question of the probable action of the Denver convention. It may be that some other candidate will begin to harvest delegates in a week or two and develop enough strength before the convention meets to make him a powerful, if not a successful, contestant for the prize. But he has not appeared, certainly he has not demonstrated his strength.

The advocates of the nomination of Governor Johnson, of Minnesota, have become very active within the past week. Headquarters have been opened here and work is being pushed energetically by several capable men. Without undertaking to say how much strength Governor Johnson will develop in the convention, the entire field of prognostication, it is safe to say that the popularity of Governor Johnson appears to be increasing in States which have not yet chosen delegates to Denver.

Bryan Is for Culberson.

But a serious complication has arisen to embarrass the Johnson people. That is the attitude of Mr. Bryan towards Governor Johnson. Despite the statement of Governor Johnson, reiterated by his friends, that the relations between the Nebraska and the Minnesota are entirely cordial, personally, it is known that Mr. Johnson is not Mr. Bryan's second choice for the presidential nomination. Mr. Bryan has had a first choice since 1896. His second choice in this year of grace is Charles A. Culberson. The word has been passed along that should it develop at the Denver convention that Mr. Bryan cannot be nominated, the aid will be thrown to Senator Culberson. It is quite safe to say that with this condition of affairs found to exist on the first ballot, Senator Culberson would be nominated on the second. But it has not yet been shown that the opposition to Mr. Bryan will be able to prevent a nomination on the first ballot.

Johnson Here This Month.

Since Governor Johnson is going to speak in Richmond on the 25th instant, when he will deliver an address before the American Cotton Manufacturers' Association, Richmond people will be interested in knowing something of this really remarkable man. Rev. Dr. Samuel G. Smith, of St. Louis, Minn., former president of the American Cotton Manufacturers' Association, was in Washington this week on his way to attend the annual convention of the organization, which opens in Richmond next Tuesday.

"You have asked me about my fellow townsman, Governor Johnson," said Dr. Smith to a reporter, "and I will venture the prediction that he is the greatest man in public life in Minnesota and in the West. He has the respect, the esteem and good will of every man, woman and child in his State. I say this and I am a Republican, but one who will vote for Governor Johnson if the Democrats nominate him for presidency."

The remarkable career in development from abject poverty to a well-balanced statesman than any other American since Lincoln.

The committee in charge of the Johnson campaign is sending out some very interesting information concerning the career of this remarkable young Democrat of the Republic State of Minnesota. It is said that he would draw more Republican votes in the States of Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, North and South Dakota, Montana, Nebraska and Washington than any man in the Democratic party.

An Attractive Story.

The story of Johnson and his record as public servant is a more attractive one to the average American. In 1894 Roosevelt carried Minnesota by a plurality of 15,000, but Johnson was elected Governor by 5,000 votes. Two years later Johnson was re-elected by a plurality of 77,000.

During his four years as Governor of Minnesota, Mr. Johnson has accomplished much good for his 2,000,000 of fellow citizens. Among the most notable achievements are: that he and his tax-reforming appointees have increased the assessed valuation of the United States Steel Corporation from \$22,000,000 to \$100,000,000, and in lieu of further increase of taxation the steel corporation has now building a \$20,000,000 plant in Duluth; owing to his energy railroad rates have been reduced, partly voluntarily and partly by warehouse commission regulation and legislative enactment, from 10 to 30 percent; the 2-cent railway passenger rate has been secured by his initiative, and an expert commission composed of three able men was appointed to deal with the taxation problems; laws for the equitable taxation of sleeping cars were passed; tax-exemption laws adopted; in both labor and labor a free State employment bureau was created and conducted with the best results; at his suggestion railway passes were abolished in Minnesota.

WOMAN FATALITY BURNED

Light Clothing Takes Fire While She Is Cooking.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

NORFOLK, VA., May 2.—Her clothing ignited from a gas stove, at which she was cooking in a draft, Miss Maggie Hickey, residing on Virginia Street, was fatally burned early this morning. Miss Hickey was heading her hair for curling purposes, when her clothes became ignited. Her screams for help attracted passers-by, who went to the rescue. She was lightly clad, the clothing burning rapidly, and was a mass of flames when reached by rescuers, who used blankets to put out the fire. She was hurried to St. Vincent's Hospital, where she died in great agony.

CAUGHT IN A FLY WHEEL, AND PERHAPS FATALITY INJURED

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WARRENTON, VA., May 2.—Irvin Yowell employed at a sawmill on the Keith farm, was caught in the fly wheel of the engine on Wednesday of this week and carried over with great speed and thrown with such velocity against the saw carriage that his skull was cracked from the forehead back, and he also sustained other serious injuries, which renders his condition most hopeless. He was taken to the hospital by Dr. M. C. Douglas.

\$4,400 FOR SIXTY DAYS

Can General Assembly Increase Pay of Clerk of the House?

Times-Dispatch Bureau, St. Vincent Building, Washington, D. C., May 2.

A Virginia lawyer in Washington to-day expressed very serious doubt as to the constitutionality of the law enacted by the Virginia General Assembly last session increasing the salary of the clerk of the House of Delegates. Indeed, the lawyer referred to expressed the unqualified opinion that the law was in direct contravention of the Constitution of the Commonwealth.

In the last session of the Legislature," he said, "the law provided that the salary of the Clerk of the House of Delegates and Keeper of the Rolls should be \$10 a day for ten days prior to the meeting of the General Assembly, \$10 a day during the session, and \$10 a day for thirty days after adjournment. This means an increase of compensation of \$1,300 for two years."

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"The Virginia Constitution provides that the General Assembly, by general law shall prescribe the number of employees of the House of Delegates, including the clerks thereof, and fix their compensation at a per diem for the time actually employed in the discharge of their duties. It might be claimed, that the clerk of the House is employed all the year round as keeper of the rolls, but the Constitution says in explicit terms that the clerk of the House of Delegates shall be keeper of the rolls, but shall receive no compensation as such."

TO SUE FOR THE STOCK

Woman Who Made Money in American Tobacco to Bring Action.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

DURHAM, N. C., May 2.—Allegations in a suit to recover \$3,000 of preferred stock of the American Tobacco Company, held by Attorney George Graham, of this city, as trustee, against the stock of the American Tobacco Company, will be instituted in this city within the next few days. The summons in the litigation were served yesterday, and it is probable that the hearing will be at the October term of court.

Mrs. Blodgett, before marriage, was Miss F. F. Blodgett, of Washington, D. C., and was the wife of a Baltimore banker. It was while she was living in that city she purchased thirty shares in the old American Tobacco Company through Mr. George Graham, in Durham, as trustee, subject to payment on demand. A reorganization of the company followed, and the shares were sold, and afterwards, at her request, a portion of the money was remitted by her trustee, Mr. Graham, and later she made a demand for the remainder of \$3,000. In the latter case the money has not been refunded, and the suit is instituted by her brother, W. Howard Hamilton, to recover the balance alleged to be due his sister.

WILL BECOME PROTESTANT

Prince to Leave Catholic Church to Wed Madame Gould.

ROME, May 2.—One of the greatest difficulties in the way of a marriage between Prince Helle de Sagan and Madame Anna Gould, daughter of the late John D. Rockefeller, is the Prince's refusal to recognize divorce, has refused to annul Miss Gould's first marriage. The prince is determined to marry Mrs. Gould, but to this end he has decided to turn Protestant. This will enable the couple to be united by both a civil and religious marriage ceremony. If the prince remained a Catholic there could be no religious marriage, and consequently his wife would not be accepted by society.

FOUR KILLED IN TRENCH

Heavy Rain Cause Supports to Give Way With Fatal Results.

ALTOONA, PA., May 2.—Four Italian laborers were killed and three seriously injured to-day by the caving in of a trench which was being dug for a sewer in this city. The trench, which was ten feet deep, was supported by timbers, but recent rains loosened the earth and the timbers giving way suddenly the earth fell down upon the men. Three of the men were dug out alive, but the other four were dead when uncovered.

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CAUGHT IN A FLY WHEEL, AND PERHAPS FATALITY INJURED

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WARRENTON, VA., May 2.—Irvin Yowell employed at a sawmill on the Keith farm, was caught in the fly wheel of the engine on Wednesday of this week and carried over with great speed and thrown with such velocity against the saw carriage that his skull was cracked from the forehead back, and he also sustained other serious injuries, which renders his condition most hopeless. He was taken to the hospital by Dr. M. C. Douglas.

FIRST OF GREAT CONVENTIONS TO MEET HERE TO-DAY

Conference of St. Vincent de Paul Opens Annual Session in Richmond.

JEWISH CHARITY WORKERS COMING

Will Begin Big Meeting To-morrow Night, While Surgeons of United States Will Gather in Morning—Thousands of Visitors in City This Week.

Conventions To-day

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL.

11 A. M.—Solemn high mass, Cathedral of the Sacred Heart.

8 P. M.—Public opening meeting, Bijou Theatre.

Conventions To-morrow

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL.

9 A. M.—Mass, St. Peter's Church.